

**Department of Pennsylvania
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Jack Barger Sr. Memorial Nursing Scholarship Program
2026-2027**



A Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund was established at the 1989 VFW State Convention held in King of Prussia, PA. This fund is in honor of Jack E. Barger Sr., Department Commander, 1987-1988, who passed away during his term of office.

A \$500.00 scholarship was awarded in 1990 and over the past 30+ years, the amounts and number of scholarships awarded has increased to six (6) \$1,000.00 scholarships per year. The two main efforts to raise money for these scholarships are requesting donations from VFW Posts and Auxiliaries and the Annual Barger Nursing Scholarship Golf Scramble.

Candidates for this award are self-nominated through the Nursing Foundation of Pennsylvania (NFP). The recipient(s) will be chosen by means of a lottery conducted by the VFW Chairperson. Please click the below links for more information as to how qualified candidates can submit their resumes for consideration:

<http://www.thenfp.org/scholarships>
<https://nfp.awardspring.com/Home/Scholarships>

There are two qualifications placed on the candidate(s) by the VFW: (1) the individual be a veteran or the son or daughter of a veteran; (2) be a resident of Pennsylvania.

With the help of VFW posts and auxiliaries within Pennsylvania supporting the Golf Scramble by sponsoring yard signs placed throughout the course, we will be able to increase the donation for the golf scramble to over \$8,000.00 each year. All monies for signage and any monetary donations go directly to the scholarship fund. Remember that none of this money supports the golfers participating in the scramble; however, they enthusiastically support the scholarship program by participating in various events during the day of the scramble.

2026 Golf Scramble: July 10, 2026 @ The Bridges Golf Club, Abbottstown, PA.

2027 Golf Scramble: July 9, 2027 @ The Bridges Golf Club, Abbottstown, PA.

Yours in Comradeship,
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